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SUBJECT: ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL MEETING

1. ARAB LEAGUE COUNCIL RESUMED APRIL 21, FOLLOWING SUSPENSION
MARCH 25 DUE TO ASSASSINATION OF FAISAL.

2. FIRST AGENDA ITEM, SYRIAN/IRAQI DISPUTE OVER EUPHRATES WATERS,
WAS TAKEN UP IN EXECUTIVE SESSION BY POLITICAL COMMITTEE. IRAQI
FOREIGN MINISTER HAMMADI AND SYRIAN AMBASSADOR TO ARAB LEAGUE
REPORTEDLY ENGAGED IN HOT DIALOGUE, AND SESSION ENDED WITH
MAHMUD RIAD TAKING HEADS OF DELEGATIONS INTO HIS OWN OFFICE TO
CONTINUE DISCUSSION. RESULT WAS FORMATION OF "TECHNICAL COMMITTEE"
OF SEVEN MEMBER STATES TO STUDY QUESTION: MOROCCO, EGYPT, SUDAN,
ALGERIA, TUNISIA, KUWAIT, SAUDI ARABIA. REPS OF SYRIA, IRAQ, AND
ARAB LEAGUE SECRETARIAT WILL ATTEND COMMITTEE MEETINGS. A COMPLETE
REPORT WILL BE PREPARED AFTER THOROUGH STUDY, INCLUDING FIELD

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INSPECTION OF THE "AREAS UNDER DISPUTE" IN BOTH COUNTRIES.

2. COMMENT: SYRIAN INSISTENCE THAT PROBLEM IS TECHNICAL
, NOT POLITICAL, SEEMS TO HAVE CARRIED THE DAY.

3. SECOND IMPORTANT AGENDA ITEM IS SETTING TIME AND PLACE FOR
ARAB SUMMIT. EGYPT IS STILL PRESSING FOR SHIFT OF VENUE FROM
MOGADISCIO TO CAIRO, BUT ARRIVAL HERE OF SOMALI VP ABU BAKR
APRIL 21 MAY INDICATE THAT SOMALIS WILL RESIST EGYPTIAN
PROPOSAL.
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